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Port Almanac—Sept. 19.

Sun Rises	5.45 A M
Sun Sets	6.03 P M
Day's Length	12 h 17 m
High Water at Southport	12.30 A M
High Water at Wilmington	2.15 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 19.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 69°; 8 p. m., 70°; maximum, 75°; minimum, 67°; mean, 41°.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .46

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

Showers fell along the Gulf and South-east Atlantic coast daring the past twenty-four hours, being heavy at New Orleans, La., 1.48, and Port Eads, La., 1.34 inches. Cooler, fair weather prevails generally over the cotton belt.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, generally fair; variable winds.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 17.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 0.8 feet.

OUTLINES.

Secretary Alger proposes to run a locomotive sled on the Yukon river to get supplies to starving treasure seekers in Alaska this winter. ——Gen. Fitz Lee had a long conference yesterday with President McKinley on the Cuban situation; the President was deeply impressed and urged Gen. Lee to retain his office as Consul General; Gen. Lee will return to Cuba, probably about the middle of October. ——Ten batteries of horse and field artillery have been ordered from England to India; it is surmised that this large increase in artillery for India means trouble with Afghanistan and perhaps Russia. ——An international Congress for the preservation of insectivorous birds will meet in Aix, France, November 9. ——The tug Somers N. Smith, arrived at Key West Fla., is reported to have landed an expedition in Cuba. ——An agent of the government sent to Alaska to report on the outlook, writes a graphic letter on the terrors of the trip across Alaska to the Klondike gold fields. ——Jimmy Michael won the 25-mile bicycle race at Boston in the fastest time ever made, 45 minutes, 58 4 5 seconds. ——Montgomery, Ala., has quarantined against Atlanta. ——Four new cases and one death from yellow fever at New Orleans yesterday. ——All the fever patients at Barclay, Miss., are nearly well. —— There is one case of yellow fever in the Marine hospital at Mobile. ——There have thus far been a total of thirty-five cases of yellow fever in New Orleans and the death rate has not yet reached ten per cent; Dr. Glennan reports eleven new cases at Mobile——About 250 refugees travelling North have been furnished health certificates at Atlanta, leaving about 500 refugees in the city. ——At Columbia, S. C., last night, Robert Hook, white, cut the throat of policeman Jas. Goss and escaped, Goss died instantly. ——Total number of yellow fever cases at Edwards, Miss., 47; new cases yesterday, 10. ——At Mobile, one of the day's new cases, died last night; the Associated Press operator at the *Register* office was taken sick last evening. ——The mass meeting of miners at Hazleton was quiet; a detachment of soldiers was on the ground. —— New York markets: Money on call nominal at 1¾@2½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6⅞c; flour was quiet; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 98¾c elbat; corn—spot weak; No. 2 84¾c; rosin steady—strained common to good $1.45@1.50; spirits turpentine firm at 30½@30¾c.

In the seven yellow fever epidemics that swept New Orleans between 1847 and 1878 there were 27,357 deaths.

People who say that "the office should seek the man" may be all right, but the office has an ugly habit of not doing it.

A Kentucky man has discovered that the proper thing to call a female bicyclist is a cyclodonna. It took a glass or two to do it.

New Orleans seems to be worried more over an invasion of water bugs, drawn thither by the electric lights, than she is at the presence of yellow fever.

The Washington politicians compromised with the colored brother who was after that Augusta, Ga., postoffice, with a promise of "something equally as good" in Washington.

The greatest apple grower in the world is said to be Judge Welhouse, who has 1,630 acres in Kansas, containing 100,000 trees. In thirteen years he has marketed 400,000 barrels.

The New York *Advertiser* remarks that while lynchings flourish Northern capital and enterprise will avoid the regions where they do. Was this intended as a side swipe at Indiana?

Gold has again been discovered "in paying quantities" in the Adirondack regions. But as this occurs about every five years, according to the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, people are not becoming excited over it.

The marriage of two sons of Pabst, the Milwaukee brewer, one to the daughter of the boss brewer of St. Louis, and the other to the daughter of another boss brewer, indicates that they propose to keep the beer in their family and the family in beer.

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Thos. T. Fortune, the colored editor in New York, has after deep consideration come to the conclusion that "European civilization and the Christian religion are not the things" to develop "African genius and character." Well, we don't see anything for editor Fortune to do but get up a little civilization and religion of his own brand and try them.

Two Chicago newspaper men came out of the Everglades in Florida the other day with 3,000 alligator skins, and it wasn't a good alligator season either. But when those alligators saw these Chicago newspaper men coming they knew it was no use trying to dodge so they just came up out of the swamps and creeks and shucked their skins.

Queen Victoria doesn't smoke and she doesn't allow any one to smoke about where she is, but her cigar bill is a pretty heavy one. She buys only the best, made especially for her, and pays about $1 a piece for them. The Prince of Wales probably raids 'em when he gets a chance, which may account for the size of the bill.

The New York *Mail and Express* says yellow fever is sometimes generated in Louisiana by filth. The *M. & E.* doesn't know anything about it. This country never produces yellow fever or cholera. They are both imported diseases, and the Republicans have left them among the few things exempt from tariff duties.

The Englishmen on the Afghan border, who are conducting the unpleasantness with the rebellious natives, are taking a mean advantage of them when they shoot them with big guns at a distance of nearly two miles. But in matters of that kind John Bull doesn't stand much on ceremony.

Experiments in growing the camphor tree in Florida having proved so satisfactory that will be added to the "growing industries" of that State.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SUMMER Resorts.
NOTICE—City taxes.
RENTAL—City markets.
D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
THE SNEED CO.—Moving.
HALL & PEARSALL—Salt.
W. B. COOPER—Schnappa.
MRS E EVERETT—Notice.
SEACOAST ROAD—Schedule.
A. PREMPERT—Barber shop.
J. A. MONTGOMERY—Notice.
PALACE BAKERY—Removed.
D. O'CONNOR—Store for rent.
BONEY & HARPER—Fire sale.
A. D. BROWN—An early Fall.
R. R. BELLAMY—Turnip seed.
F. T. MILLS—Horses and mules.
KING GROCERY CO.—Fine pears.
W. C. MITCHELL—Roof painting.
R. W. HICKS—Cream cheese, etc.
E. VANLAER—Pianos and organs.
MERCER & EVANS—Hard at work.
J. H. REHDER & CO—Fix up homes.
C. W. POLVOGT CO—Brussels carpet.
OPERA HOUSE—Magician Bancroft.
J. W. MURCHISON—Capitola ranges.
W. E. WORTH & CO—True economy.
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN—Fine cigars.
MASONIC—Meeting Concord Chapter.
SAM'L BEAR, SR.—September mullets.
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK—Liberal loans.
WM SHEEHAN, JR.—To property-owners.
MISS HART AND MISS BROWN—School for young ladies.
NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON—Correspondence solicited.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

P. H. HAYDEN—Buggies, harness.
WANTED—Male help.
H. B. JEWETT—House for rent.
A. ALDERMAN—Stock at auction.
A. H. YOPP—Piano and harmony.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m All seats free, and every person cordially invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. English service at 11 a. m.; German service at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 4.30 p. m. All seats free.

There will be services in St. John's church this morning at 11 o'clock.

The services at St. James' church as usual to-day. Early communion, 7.45 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets. Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor. This is Endowment Day with us. At 10.30 a. m. the pastor will preach. Subject, "Christian Education and Its Influences." At 8 p. m., addresses by T. R. Mask and Prof. R. Taylor, 8 p. m. Grand missionary and educational rally by the young people.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— Only one marriage license was issued the past week and that to a white couple.

— The Board of Audit and Finance will meet in regular session Tuesday afternoon.

— The STAR learns with regret of the serious illness of Dr. D. W. Bullock's mother at Rocky Mount.

— Misses Hart and Brown's school for young ladies will commence Thursday morning, the 30th inst.

— Regular convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

— City taxes for 1897 are now due and City Tax Collector F. B. Rice urges prompt payment to save costs.

— One of the retail grocers remarked yesterday that he had seldom seen trade more lively that it is at present.

— Rev. John B. Gibble, rector of St. Luke's parish, Denison, Texas, will preach at St. James' church at morning service, 11 o'clock to day.

— Thieves stole from Mr. F. T. Mills' livery stables on night before last a bridle and set of reins. There is no clue as to the guilty parties.

— A party of surveyors killed a very large moccasin snake yesterday while laying off a piece of land on Summer Rest, Wrightsville Sound.

— Mr. J. B. Warren, long distance 'cycle rider, wishes to challenge some one for a race to Georgetown, S. C., 116 miles, for a stake of fifty dollars.

— The steamer *Wilmington* will make her regular trips to Carolina Beach at 10 a. m. and 2.30 p. m. to-day. These will be the last Sunday trips of the season.

— Mr. A. J. Hewlett, chairman of the market committee, gives notice that the city market houses will be rented according to law to-morrow. See ad. for further particulars.

— The schooner *The Josephine*, 608 tons, Captain Townsend, arrived yesterday from Punta Gorda, Fla., with a cargo of phosphate rock for Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co.

— The commercial columns show some changes in the quotations of naval stores. Rosin went down yesterday from $1.15 and 1.20 to $1.10 and $1.15, while tar advanced 5 cents per barrel.

— Two extra trains of cars brought in 1,893 bales of cotton yesterday. The receipts as posted at the Produce Exchange were 4,950 bales. The local market went off an eighth of a cent yesterday, closing dull at 6¾c for middling.

— The money realized at the game of ball played Friday at Hilton between the "New Women" and the "Old Maids" will be given to the Catherine Kennedy Home, the question having been decided by Umpire W. F. Robertson, who officiated.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF MASONS.

Mr. W. M. Poisson, secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Masons, has filled this office in that institution for a number of years—the year 1865 being inclusive.

Latterly he has had occasion to look over the membership of the Lodge for the year 1865, with the following results:

Of the eight officers that year, Messrs. R. J. Jones, treasurer, W. M. Poisson, secretary, and J. O. Bowden, J. D., are still living and are still members of the Lodge. Of the 180 members reported for that years, there are now only seven living and retaining membership in the Lodge, viz: Elijah Hewlett, Alonzo Hewlett, Dr. W. W. Harriss, T. H. Jonnson, H. H. Munson, John W. Monroe. Seven members of that year are living, and hold their membership in one or the other city lodges; fifty-four have removed to other States, etc., while 67 have gone "to that bourne from which no traveller returns," showing what havoc the scythe of Time makes among the human race, for if by chance we should escape the numerous evils incident to childhood and youth, and with health and vigor arrive to the years of manhood, yet without we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring scythe of Time, and be gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us.

Piano Instruction.

Mr. A. H. Yopp, 415 Grace street, announces that he will open a class for piano instruction and harmony on October 1st. Mr. Yopp is winning many laurels as a musician and pupils who join his class will have excellent instruction. He has lately returned from the New England Conservatory, where he made a brilliant record.

Death of a Well Known Citizen.

News has been received in this city of the death of Mr. Thomas Robertson, proprietor of the Mineral Springs, near Ridgewood, N. C., which occurred from hemorrhage of the lungs last Wednesday. He was a brother-in-law of Capt. Browning, of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad. The remains were taken to Halifax Friday for interment.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Work Progressing Favorably.

Work is progressing favorably on the new link of railroad between the W. & W. and the W. & N. railroads. The grading has been completed nearly as far as the creek and the iron laid a good part of the way. Within four weeks, unless something unusual and unexpected happens, trains from Newbern will stop at the Atlantic Coast Line Front street depot.

STEAM TUG NAVASSA

Burned to the Wando's Edge On Her Way to the City—Crew Escaped—Vessel Insured.

The steam tug *Navassa*, the property of the Navassa Guano Company, which has been a familiar and pretty sight on the waters of the Cape Fear since 1891, was, yesterday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock, consumed by fire.

The tug has been used for transporting employes of the Navassa Company from the city to the company's factory at Navassa, five miles from the city. The tug was sometimes used in towing lighters, and yesterday afternoon shortly before 2.30 o'clock the tug left the city bound for Navassa, towing a lighter loaded with brick. When two miles from the city, at a place called "The Horse Shoe," Capt. Thomas C. Taylor, master of the tug, who was standing in the pilot house, noticed smoke issuing from just behind the pilot house, and soon the whole boat was wrapped in flames. Capt. Taylor, Mr. Geo. W. Grimstead, the engineer, and Bob Taylor, colored, a deck hand, the crew of the boat, had just time left after the discovery of the fire to jump overboard and swim ashore, where they succeeded in getting a man to come to the city and tell the news. The steam tug *Marion* was sent to the scene of the conflagration and brought the crew of the *Navassa* back, and also towed the lighter back to the city. The charred hulk of the *Navassa* was made fast to a tree.

The *Navassa* was built in 1888 by Messrs. Posey, Jones & Co., and was brought to this city in 1891. She was insured for $8,500 with companies represented by Col. Walker Taylor and Mr. M. S. Willard. The fire is supposed to have broken out from some cause unknown in the boiler room of the boat.

OPERA HOUSE.

Bancroft's Magical Entertainment Monday Night.

To-morrow night at the Opera House Bancroft, the magician, will again make his appearance in Wilmington. The theatre should be crowded, as Bancroft presents a good, clean and refined magical entertainment, which is said to surpass the exhibition once given by Houdin, the French magician, and Anderson, "The Wizard of the North," and even those of the present day produced by Prof. Robert Heller.

Bancroft is not only a master of magic, but the founder of a new and advanced school of mystification and entertainment. His success has been emphasized and reiterated until there remains no doubt that he is the foremost magician of the age as well as of the day. No other magician who has ever appeared in this country would have had the audacity to even attempt the tricks and illusions which Mr. Bancroft performs with the greatest of ease, skill and grace. And certain it is that no performance of magic was ever surrounded with the wealth of artistic scenery and the air of opulent elegance which Bancroft imparts to his. Bancroft has so much that is good that his entertainment may be termed an "embarrassment of riches." His charm as a witty entertainer, evinced by a constant ripple of merry conversation, gives an added charm to his entertainment. Wallacker, the live lion which is used by the wizard in one of his most startling illusions, will be exhibited all day to-morrow in the show window of S. A. Schloss' store. Advance sale of seats commenced yesterday at Gerken's.

CITY MARKETS.

Retail Prices of Fresh Meats, Vegetables, Poultry, Fruits, Fish, Etc.

Trade was fairly brisk on the city markets yesterday, and there was a moderate variety of vegetables, poultry, fruit and fish. Eggs were steady at 18 cents per dozen. Grapes are very plentiful. There were a few New River oysters on sale.

Vegetables—Sweet potatoes, 15c per peck; Irish potatoes, 35c per peck; tomatoes, 5c per quart; collards, 5c per head; field peas, 5c per quart; butter beans, 5c per quart; string beans, 2½c per quart; okra, 2½c per quart; onions, 5 to 10c per quart; egg plants, 5c each; cabbage, 5 to 10c each; turnips, 5c per bunch; roasting ears, 20c per dozen; lettuce, 5c per head.

New River oysters, 35c per peck.

Clams, Crabs and Shrimps—Clams, 15c per quart; soft crabs, 30 to 40c per dozen; channel crabs, 10c per dozen; shrimps, 5c per quart.

Meats—Steak, loin, 12½c; round, 10c; chuck beef, 10c; stew, 5 to 8c; mutton, 10 to 12½c; veal, 10 to 15c; tongue, 30 to 35c; sausage, 10c.

Fruit—Watermelons, 5 to 15c each; grapes, 2½ to 5c per quart; apples, 30c per peck; pears, 50c per peck.

Poultry—Grown fowls, 25 to 35c each; Spring chickens, 15 to 30c each.

Fish—September mullets, 10 to 15c; trout, 10c per bunch; drum, 10c each; pig fish, 15c per bunch.

Lightning Strikes a Church at Morehead City.

A gentleman who came in on the Wilmington and Newbern road yesterday, reported heavy rain and wind at Morehead City Friday night. Lightning struck the Northern Methodist Church and caused considerable damage. The roof and one side of the weather-boarding were torn off and the steeple almost completely demolished.

Death at Magnolia.

The STAR regrets to announce the death of Lewis Donald, the infant son of Mr. W. R. and Mrs. Mattie L. Newbury. The little one passed away at fifteen minutes past one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

BASE BALL.

The National League—Result of Yesterday's Games and Other Interesting Features.

Judging from the present state of affairs, and viewing carefully and critically the conduct of the clubs during the past week, it is very likely that the pennant for '97 will once more be planted in Maryland soil as a trophy obtained for the fourth consecutive time by the boys of Baltimore. Of course many predict that Boston will win, which is perfectly fair and reasonable, and is backed by good sound judgment which may in the end prevail, but if one will glance over the record of the clubs for the last week he, dealing with the present, will have to admit that Baltimore stands the best chance of gaining the much sought after trophy; but, of course, future work only will tell. It is true that the Orioles will find strong opponents in the Giants; but so will Boston in the Bridegrooms, who the last week have proven superior to both New York and Washington, having taken two out of three from the Giants and tied one, and winning two straight from the Senators, and by the merest accident were defeated yesterday.

Baltimore plays six games with New York and Washington, and Boston plays six games with Brooklyn, New York and Washington's superior, judging from the past week's record. It is also true that Baltimore has three more games to play than Boston, but all are postponed ones and to be contested with weak clubs, a decided advantage.

Boston and Baltimore play three games together, commencing Friday, but skipping Sunday. The Beaneaters will probably array Nichols, Klobedanz, who was quite erratic in Thursday's game, and Stivetts against Corbett, Hoffer and Amole; and we must admit that Boston's army of twirlers are better than the Orioles, who, however, reply that they even-up by having the most scientific basemen and base-runners, besides the advantage of home grounds. If Boston gains two out of the three from Baltimore it will not pull the latter away from first place, as a glance at the percentage will show, unless the Orioles meet hard luck all the way through and the Beaneaters slide along serenely. Baltimore has twelve more games to play and the Beaneaters nine. In to-morrow's game between Baltimore and New York, Joe Corbett and Amos Rusie will no doubt be pitted against each other.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Baltimore, 8; Philadelphia, 3.
Boston, 9; New York, 8.
Washington, 10; Brooklyn, 9.
Pittsburg, 13; St. Louis, 10.
Chicago, 4; Louisville, 2.
Cleveland, 6; Cincinnati, 0.
Cleveland, 4; Cincinnati, 3.

WHERE THEY PLAY TO DAY.

St. Louis at Cincinnati.
Louisville at Chicago.

WHERE THEY PLAY TO MORROW.

Brooklyn at Boston.
Baltimore New York.
Washington at Philadelphia.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Cent.
Baltimore	86	34	.717
Boston	87	36	.707
New York	77	44	.636
Cincinnati	67	53	.558
Cleveland	62	59	.516
Washington	56	65	.463
Brooklyn	56	67	.455
Pittsburg	55	67	.451
Chicago	54	68	.441
Philadelphia	53	71	.431
Louisville	51	73	.411
St. Louis	28	93	.233

HOW THEY STOOD SEPT. 18TH, 1896.

CLUBS.	Per cent	CLUBS.	Per cent
Baltimore	.597	Philadelphia	.493
Cleveland	.598	New York	.488
Cincinnati	.610	Brooklyn	.452
Chicago	.556	Washington	.495
Boston	.556	St. Louis	.296
Pittsburg	.513	Louisville	.385

New York must be saving Rusie to open with on Baltimore to-morrow, as Seymour officiated yesterday and was very wild.

Klobedanz was in the box for Boston, but it was the Beaneaters' superb fielding that gained the day.

Baltimore indulged in plenty of base stealing yesterday, and Pond, not Brother Joe, was in the box.

The Senators made nine of the ten runs yesterday in the last two innings, which, however, won the game and recaptured sixth place from Brooklyn.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health now meet regularly every morning, and will continue to do so until the yellow fever plague is past. The inland quarantine is working well, and a report is received from each of the officers guarding against intrusion from yellow fever quarters every night. Officer J. W. Holmes, who is stationed on the S. A. L. railroad, and who runs as far as Hamlet, returning every afternoon, and departing a few hours later, yesterday stopped two drummers from Savannah who were coming here.

The Fayetteville *Observer*, of Friday, says:

"Mr. R. M. Murray arrived in the city yesterday to act as quarantine officer for the city of Wilmington, which has closed its doors to all travellers from the infected yellow fever districts."

Mortuary Report.

The records in the Superintendent of Health's office for the past week show sixteen deaths, six white and ten colored; fourteen births, thirteen colored and one white; two permits issued for the transportation of bodies and two for the receipt of bodies; one house quarantined on account of diphtheria.

The causes of death were as follows: Mal-nutrition, 3; paralysis, 1; carcinoma, 1; cholera infantum, 1; apoplexy, 1; entero colitis, 1; remittent fever, 1; tuberculosis, 1; chronic cystitis, 1; gastric fever, 1; pneumonia, 1; acute indigestion, 1; unknown, 3.

BARQUE NORD AMERICA

Charged with Smuggling—Vessel and Goods Seized Under Libel from the U. S. Court.

A couple of weeks ago District Attorney C. B Aycock, of Goldsboro, was in the city investigating the charges brought against the Italian barque *Nord America*, which brought in 10 bags of almonds alleged to be ship stores, thus avoiding the payment of duty. Friday last Mr. Aycock brought suit in the United States Circuit Court against the master of the vessel, Capt. Cafiero, in the sum of $400, and instructed Mr. W. H. Shaw, clerk of the U. S. Court, to issue a civil summons on Captain Cafiero accordingly. Yesterday Mr. Shaw received by wire from Mr. Aycock two libels, one against the vessel and the other against the ten bags of almonds.

A warrant was issued for the seizure of the vessel, and the almonds are already in the possession of the Government officials. The penalty in this case is $400 and the forfeiture of the smuggled articles.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., representing the owners of the vessel, has gotten up a $1000 bond, which will be forwarded to District Attorney C. B Aycock for his acceptance.

Foul Odors at Princess Street Dock.

A few days ago complaint was lodged with Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, about the foul smell which constantly arose from the dock at the foot of Princess street. Dr. McMillan at once set about remedying the difficulty and found that at high water in the river flatboatmen would bring their flats, of which there is always a large collection, directly up against the dock and make fast, and, of course, at low water the refuse from sewers emptying into the river would be stopped by the flats, and this, together with the watermelon rinds, etc., which some of the boatmen threw into the river daily, gave rise to the foul oders complained of. So yesterday Dr. McMillan issued orders for the boatmen to keep their flats off the dock, which may put an end to the trouble.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—416 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 2 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R.R.—4,089 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 208 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—146 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 45 bbls rosin.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—806 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 19 bbls rosin, 5 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Seesoms—15 casks spirits turpentine, 15 bbls tar, 91 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 4,950 bales; spirits turpentine, 53 casks; rosin, 279 bbls; tar, 72 bbls; crude turpentine, 58 bbls.

Magistrates' Courts.

Joseph Johnson, colored, was before Justice McGowan yesterday, charged with the larceny of a quantity of clothing from Perry Graham, also colored. The defendant was committed to jail in default of a $50 justified bond for his appearance at next term of the Criminal Court. The case was turned over to Justice McGowan by R. J. Jordon, a colored magistrate of Cape Fear township.

Before Justice Fowler yesterday Geo. Anderson, Sandy Jones, Henry Howard and Clayton McLaurin, all colored, were turned over to the next term of the Criminal Court to stand trial for assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

Al. Fields' Minstrels.

Mr. John W. Blomme, of this city, will be numbered among the vocalists who will sing in Al. T. Fields' Merry Minstrels, dated to show in the Opera House Monday evening, the 27th inst. Hearing of the coming engagement of Fields' Minstrels a number of theatre-goers of the city wrote Mr. Fields and requested him to write Mr. Blomme to sing, which Mr. Fields did, answering immediately. Upon the receipt of the letter Mr. Blomme consented to sing one selection during the grand opening of the performance.

Another Renting and Collecting Agent.

Mr. William Sheehan, Jr., gives notice this morning that he will embark in the real estate business for himself, having severed his connection with Mr. D. O'Connor, with whom he has been for the last nine years.

Mr. Sheehan's long experience in the business serves as a strong recommendation and he will doubtless receive his share of the public patronage. He has rented the office on Princess street, between Second and Third, next to the law office of Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy.

NEW COLORS FOR POSTAGE STMPS.

[*Washington Post*]

While, on account of the agreement made by the International Postal Congress, there will be no change in the color of the 2 cent postage stamp, the colors of some stamps of some of the other denominations will be altered. That Congress provided for uniform colors for stamps of certain denominations, of their equivalent in the money of each country, is applicable to all the administrations of the Postal Union. This will require a change in the 5-cent stamp (which represents a single rate of foreign letter postage) It is now a light brown, but it will become a dark blue. The 1-cent stamp now a blue will be changed to green.

These changes will become operative on the last day of January, 1898; were incorporated in the international postal treaty concluded by the Postal Congress, which, when it shall be attested by the official signatures of the Postmaster General and the approval of the President, will have the effect of law. The President and the Postmaster General are expected to sign the document within the next few days.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. H. E. Gibbons returned to the city yesterday.

— Mr. Arthur Prempert returned yesterday from Salisbury.

— Mr. E. Boney, of Wallace, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mrs. Chas. Humphreys and family have returned to the city.

— Mr. Leon J. Brandt, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Pope, of Fayetteville, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. J. Luther Toon arrived in the city last evening from New York.

— Mr. E. S. Martin has gone to Lincolnton Lythia Springs for awhile.

— Mr. Lewis Hancock has gone to Maine to accept a position in a drug house.

— Mr. W. S. Clough, of Chadbourn, was one of yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Master C. J. Southerland, Jr., left yesterday to attend school at Washington, D. C.

— Mrs. Emma White, of Southport, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. E. Piner and children have returned from a visit to relatives at Morehead City.

— Mr. W. Biggs, one of the well known citizens of Cronly, was a visitor at this office yesterday.

— Mr. W. E. Patterson, a well known travelling salesman, living in Newbern, was in the city yesterday.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* Capt. Samuel Carmon, of Wilmington, is on a visit to his old home in Fayetteville.

— The STAR enjoyed very much yesterday a call from Lieut. E. W. Van C. Lucas, a brother-in-law of the late Edward Daniel.

— Mr. Amos Allen, of Cade, S. C., a brother of Mr. James Allen of the Orton Hotel, is in the city, accompanied by his wife and child.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were Jos. Powell, Greenville; J. R. Allan, Rocky Mount; C. W. Sidbury and son, N. C.

— Col. T. C. McIlhenny returned yesterday from New York, after a cruise with Mr. J. Alvis Walker on Mr. Harry Walters' yacht, the *Narada*.

— Rev. John Benners Gibble will assist in the services and preach at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets, this evening at 8 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The regular Convocation will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

sep 19 1t

For Rent.

THAT FINE AND COMMODIOUS Store on Market street now occupied by the SNEED FURNITURE COMPANY.

Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.

sep 19 2t

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE VERY grateful for work, either in dress-making or as seamstress, at her residence No. 419 Mulberry street.

sep 19 4t MRS. E. EVERETT.

Fire Sale.

Meal, Grits, Chops, &c.,

damaged by water will be for sale cheap Monday morning.

Boney & Harper.

sep 19 tf

City Markets.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE City Market Houses will be Rented, according to law, on Monday, September 20, 1897, beginning at Fourth street market, at Fourth and Campbell streets, at 10 o'clock; at New Market House, on Front street, at 11 o'clock; at Fifth Ward market, at Fifth and Castle streets, at about 1 o'clock. City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A. J. HEWLETT, Chairman Market Committee.

sep 19 1t

To the Property Owners of Wilmington.

I HAVE SEVERED MY CONNECTION WITH Mr. D. O'Connor, whom I have been with for the past nine years, and have decided to enter the Real Estate business for myself. Any property intrusted to my care will be attended to as well as it is possible for it to be done. I solicit a share of your patronage and will endeavor to give satisfaction.

Respectfully, WM. SHEEHAN, JR., Renting and Collecting Agent.

Office on Princess street, between Second and Third streets, next to Marsden Bellamy's law office.

sep 19 tf

100 BARRELS

CHOICE

SEPTEMBER MULLETS

for sale. Send your orders to

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
12 Market Street,
sep 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

CITY TAXES FOR 1897

Are Now Due.

Avoid Cost By Prompt Payment.

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sep 19 1t City Tax Collector.

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Distributing Agents.

We are still Agents for Powell, Smith & Co.'s famous Cigars:

Cuban Blossoms,
Renown,
Smoketts,
Topical Twist Head,
El Capitan General,
Union League Club.

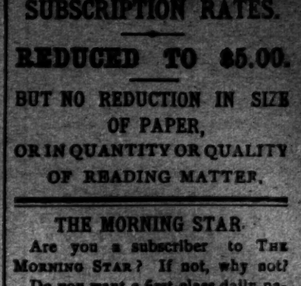
We are headquarters for

Red Rust Proof Oats.

Ask us for samples and price.

Provisions

Sold on close margin. sep 19 tf



HORSES AND MULES AT ALL TIMES.

F. T. MILLS,

sep 17 tf 113 and 114 North Water St.

Pears.

WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY THE FINEST

PEARS

For preserving we have seen on this market.

Price 35c per peck cash. If we did any charging they would be 50c.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,

sep 18 tf Fourth Street Front.

School for Young Ladies

MISS HART, MISS BROWN.

The next session will begin

Thursday, the Thirtieth of September.

English, Mathematics, Natural Science, Latin, French, German, Bookkeeping.

MISS LAVENDER expects to resume instruction in Music shortly after the opening of the session.

Classes in Art will be continued by

Mrs. Devereux H. Lippitt.

Opportunity for lessons in STENOGRAPHY will be offered by a highly recommended instructor. Punctual attendance is essential to a creditable stand.

sep 12 2t eo 114 Orange street.

This Space Reserved

for advertisement of

PALACE BAKERY.

Removed to the Old Lessman Bakery on Second street.

sep 13 tf

OPERA HOUSE.

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 20, 1897.

Direct from his Triumphant New York Success.

MR. EDWARD L. BLOOM

Has the Honor to Present the SUPREME MYSTERY OF WIZARDS,

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THE MAGICIAN, in his Marvelous Spectacular Production of Magic, Mirth, Mystery

The Startling Illusion, "Locoli," with "Wallie he," The Live Lion.

Bewildering Scenic Effects.

sep 17 3t

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

ON AND AFTER SEPT. 2ND TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington at 6.30 a. m., 10.17 a. m., 2.30 p. m., 6.00 p. m., 7.35 p. m.

Leave Ocean View at 7.30 a. m., 11.30 a. m., 3.45 p. m., 6.00 p. m., 10.00 p. m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

Leave Wilmington at 10.10 a. m., and 2.30 p. m.

Leave Ocean View at 11.30 a. m., and 6.00 p. m.

sep 2 tf

Office of the Secretary and Treasurer

of the Carolina Central R. R. Co.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Sept. 7th 1897.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Carolina Central Railroad Company will be held in the Front street office of the Company, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, (the 7th day of October A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock p. m.

sep 7 tf JOHN H. KEAD, Secretary.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 19, 1897

OUR RAILROADS.

We published something the other day from *Poor's Railroad Manual* on railway construction in this country, and reproduce the following, which we clip from the New Orleans *Times Democrat*, because it contains facts and figures showing what our railroads have been doing in the way of business:

"The thirtieth annual number of *Poor's Railroad Manual* for 1896 covers the operation of 180,891 miles of steam road. This immense property is represented by $11,279 545,886 of stocks, bonds and unfunded debt, an increase over 1895 of $37,974,735, where the mileage increase was 1,787 miles. Results of operation as compared with 1895 are thus given in the introduction to the *Manual:*

	1896	1895
Miles of railroad operated	180,891.10	179,103.72
Tons freight moved	775,808,716	755,792,883
Freight mileage	98,885,833,634	83,56?,?70,801
Passengers carried	535,121,756	509,736,259
Passenger mileage	13,044,840,206	12,609,?82,5?1
Earnings from freight	$770,434,013	$?18,?84,4?1
Earnings from passenger	265,318,258	260,929,761
Miscellaneous earnings	89,894,754	87,681,945
Total gross earnings	$1,125,635,025	$1,09?,?75,?37
Net earnings	318,?38,?56	325,1 6,454
Earnings per ton per mile	0,321	0,339

"It will be seen that the railroad business showed a decided improvement over the previous year, in spite of the depression. The average receipts for passenger traffic were from $1456 to $1467 per mile, and for freight $4151 to $4259. Ever since the panic the railroad earnings have steadily declined year after year, and the improvement now chronicled is all the more gratifying for that reason, especially when it is remembered that there was a reduction in rates.

"The railroad rates are steadily going down. The average charge per passenger was 2.35 cents a mile in 1884, and 2.03 in 1895; and in New England the passenger rate is only 1.64 cent per mile. The same decline has gone on in freight rates, which have decreased from 1.12 cent per ton per mile in 1884 to 0.83 cent in 1896.

"In the matter of dividends, however, the roads are not doing so well. They were able to earn on an average only 1.54 per cent., against 1.59 in 1895, 1.64 in 1894, 1.86 in 1893, 2.18 in 1887 and 2.48 in 1884. In New England dividends on stock average 4.62 per cent; in the Middle States, 3.88 per cent., and in the Central Northern States 2.95 per cent.; but elsewhere the rate generally falls below 1 per cent, and in the Pacific States becomes one-hundredth of 1 per cent."

These figures suggest some thoughts and may also answer some questions, and remove some mistaken ideas. Some people have an idea that railroads are bonazas, grand monopolies controlled by selfish capitalists who are squeezing the public and getting rich. A glance at the returns to the stockholders in the way of dividends will show that this is an erroneous idea, and that there is very little profit at best in the operation of our railroads. There are very few kinds of business that pay anything which, if properly managed, would not pay more than 4.62 per cent., which the roads of New England, the most profitable, paid in 1896. But there are a good many which do not pay expenses as has been shown by the large number that have gone into the hands of receivers within the past few years.

The smallness of the dividends may be partially accounted for by the watering of stock, perhaps to some extent by extravagant or incompetent management but mainly by the continuous reductions in rates for service rendered, notaby so in the matter of freights. These reductions have been made voluntarily by the roads, the result doubtless of organized competition. Roads occupying the same territory become competitors and such sharp competitors that they sometimes carry passengers and freight at merely nominal charges, and the rivalry is always such as to prevent one road from fixing arbitrary rates even if it were so disposed. This accounts for the reduction of rates in the past ten years and for keeping them down after they have gone down.

There has been a good deal said about excessive charges, and while this may sometimes be the case reference to the rates published in the above extract and the reduction in four years will show that they are very far below the rates of a few years ago.

As a remedy for the alleged extortion Government ownership and operation has been advocated by some and the Populist leaders for a time made it a political issue, but the facts show that charges for both passenger and freight service are lower in this country than they are in the countries of Europe where the Governments control and operate the railroads wholly or in part, and very much lower too, although those countries are, generally speaking, more densely populated than this, the roads shorter and operated at less expense, wages being lower than in this country. Of courre density of population and amount of business done, with the other condition of shorter and less costly lines to operate, must exert an influence on rates and on the ability of the roads to give cheap service, as is shown by the rates charged on the New England roads, and the dividends paid compared with the roads of other more sparsely settled sections. These are circumstauces not always considered by persons who find fault with the railroads and condemn their management and charge them with extortion, because, as Hon. Jerry Simpson once said, in a speech in Congress, a railroad would carry a four hundred pound hog from Kansas City to Chicago for about four dollars, or less, and would charge a man about twelve dollars, forgetful of the fact that the hog doesn't occupy a first class passenger coach or the man a stock car or a freight car.

There are several factors which enter the railroad business in this country that do not figure in other countries, or at least to the same extent. There is the rage for railroad building and competition which results from that, with rival railroads contesting for business in a territory which has scarcely business enough for one. In a case like that there is not much chance for profit, if there isn't actual loss, which is often the case. This spirit of competition shows itself not only in the rivalry in rates but in the equipment of handsome and luxurious cars to draw custom, which is encouraged by the travelling public which gives its patronage to the company which offers the most comforts and most style. The average American looks upon it as an advertisement of poverty or of parsimoniousness to buy second class tickets, and consequently the large majority of people who travel buy first class tickets, while the same class of people in European countries would buy second class or third class tickets, which we do not have in this country. And yet with all this taken as a whole passenger rates are cheaper in this country than they are in Europe, while the equipment of the roads for looks and comfort is every way better. The facts and figures in the above extract show that our roads are not the extortioners some represent them to be and while there may be ground for fault in some cases, that taken as a whole there are a good many things to be considered before judgment is rendered against them.

MINOR MENTION.

The gold monometallists are not making as rapid progress as they hoped for in driving Mexico to the gold standard. When they succeeded in forcing silver bullion down some time ago, and putting up the rates of exchange, they caused a flurry and some disturbance in business in that country, as might have been expected, and it was given out that Mexico couldn't stand the pressure, and was preparing to abandon silver and go upon a gold basis. About that time it was noticed that Mexican silver bonds were in demand and commanding a price out of all proportion to the price of silver. But if Mexico was temporarily embarrassed by the fall in the price of silver, she has gotten bravely over it, and hasn't the slightest intention of stepping into the trap the gold monometallists have set, as Japan did. In writing to a friend about the situation in that country, President Roberts, of the Mexican Central Railway, who is now in Mexico, quotes the manager of one of the largest banks in the City of Mexico as saying:

"The recent fall in silver has temporarily limited orders for foreign goods. As soon as our merchants become accustomed to the rate of exchange now current, there will be as much foreign business done as ever. The domestic business in the Republic is totally unaffected, and the best proof is the increased receipts of the Government, which amount to more than ever before. There is no feeling of uneasiness in Mexico."

Another prominent banker speaks thus:

"The Mexican Government appears very easy over present conditions and has no idea of changing its finances. It can meet all its obligations promptly. The Government has a surplus of $6,000,000 deposited in the Banco Nacional de Mexico. There are no failures of importance in the country and absolutely no uneasy feeling."

This doesn't look as if Mexico was on the ragged edge and about ready to tumble into the gold trap.

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"The pauper labor" of Europe is one of the fakes the high tariff protectionists of this country have been playing to bolster their pleadings for higher duties. This fake has been exposed so often that nothing but the most brazen cheek could adhere to it, but still they do, in spite of the fact that our manufacturers are shipping goods to European countries and successfully competing with European manufacturers right at their own doors, and they are doing this in lines of manufactures which require the most skilled and the best paid labor we have. As bearing upon this, we clip from the New York *Times*:

"Carrying coals to Newcastle is in our day an understatement of the apparent absurdity of importing steel for Birmingham. Yet our news columns yesterday bore witness that this latter feat has been accomplished. A rolling mill in Cleveland, Ohio, has received an order for 1 000 tons of bar steel from manufacturers in Birmingham. Upon this product the manufacturers of Cleveland are protected against the pauper labor of Birmingham by a duty of $6 a ton. Considering that they are enabled in spite of the disadvantages against which they are thus protected, and in spite also of the handicap of freight from Cleveland to Birmingham, to undersell the manufacturers of the latter place in their own market, it is evident that they are taken good care of. They ought to be filled with gratitude to the good Mr. Dingley, and their gratitude ought to take the form of handsome contributions to the Republican campaign fund. How the American buyers of American steel like a law which protects the American makers in charging them $6 a ton more than they charge English buyers is quite another question."

Duties are imposed on steel and iron manufactures to keep them out of this country and yet our manufacturers are shipping hundreds of tons of steel rails and other forms of steel to Europe and largely to England, the very country that our steel manufacturers profess to have the most dread of. If campaign debts are to be paid and campaign contributions refunded it should be done in some other way than by levying tribute upon the American people.

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Governor Mount, of Indiana, is very indignant at the hanging of those five men in Ripley county, and is showing a determination to bring to justice the man who did the hanging. He gave the officials of that county twelve hours to show what they were doing to apprehend the lynchers and wipe out the impression that the State of Indiana endorses mob law. The officials didn't report, and thus far, although the Governor is quoted as declaring that "No matter what the pretext is, they who take the enforcement of the law into their own hands and lynch men in Indiana, shall be punished," it does not appear that any steps have been taken to prosecute and punish the men who lynched those five burglars, and it is not likely that they will be punished The act will be condemned, of course, as it should be, by all law-abiding citizens, but it would be very difficult if not impossible to find a jury in Ripley county that would convict these lynchers if put upon trial. Public sympathy seems to have been with them. Such a shocking exhibition of popular contempt of law is regarded, and rightly, as a disgrace to the State, but, without intending to condone the act of these infuriated lynchers, is it not also a disgrace to the State, with all its machinery for the protection of its people and for the administration of justice, that this gang of thieves should have been permitted so long to terrorize the community and to carry on their devilment with apparent impunity? This seems to have been the case, and this it was that drove those people to ignore the laws that didn't protect them.

COMMENT CURRENT.

—— It transpires that Mr. Outhwaite, the Senatorial candidate of the Ohio gold Democrats, used to vote for free silver. The time is approaching when it will be nasafe for a political convention to go into session without first consulting a standard authority on pedigrees.—*WashingtonPost, Ind*

—— In an editorial which ought to have been entitled "The Absolute," so often does this word absolute occur in it, the New York *Sun* says: "That the Bryan Democracy has absolute control of the Democratic party is now demonstrated absolutely." Most people gave it up at Chicago last year, but it has taken the *Sun* fourteen months to find it out.—*New Orleans Times-Democrat, Dem.*

—— John L. Sullivan announces that he is in earnest about running for mayor of Boston. He will make the race upon regular nomination papers, he says, and expects to poll 8,000 to 12,000 votes His platform will be, no licensed gambling places, no disorderly houses, and plenty of school room and plenty of play room for the children. Sullivan will not be elected, of course, but there is nothing the matter with his platform. —*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Herr Kusserow is in no danger of being disciplined for the slighting manner in which he referred to the weakness of the German navy in his speech at Berlin. At present it suits the Emperor's purpose to have that kind of talk used as freely as possible, in order that his stubborn Parliament may be frightened into giving him the millions he wants for new ships. The prudent Germans, however, are much more likely to be frightened at the size of the bill for the new navy than at any suppositious blockade. If William wishes to rule the sea he must make his navy stronger than the navy of England, and it will cost a pretty penny to do that.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Morgan—"That man Jones is as honest as the day is long."

Flower—"What's his record at night?"

— Jack—"I stole a kiss from Miss Lovett the other evening, and now she won't speak to me."

Tom—"Why didn't you apologise?"

Jack—"I did. That's what made her mad."

— The smartest thing said by a Topeka man for six months was at a picnic the other day when he produced corkscrew and said he used it only to draw attention.—*Kansas City Journal.*

—Little Boy (pointing to the shop window)—"What's them?"

Mother—"Those are diving suits, all of rubber, so that the diver shall not get wet."

Little Boy—"I wish I had one."

Mother—"Why—what for, my dear?"

Little Boy—"To wear when you wash me."—*Tid Bits.*

— Congrins applies at the Prefecture of police for assistance in finding a lost daughter of his. "How are we to know her?" inquired the officer on duty. "She is rather tall and looks three or four years older than she is."—*Life.*

— Home Grown Aristocracy—"Why did your daughter break her engagement with that English earl?"

"Because I told her that, with the present prices for wheat, she would better try to catch an American farmer."—*Chicago Record*

— Chat on the Boulevard—Sadder—"That was a wonderful performance of Star Pointer's, wasn't it? I tell you, a mile in less than two minutes is going pretty fast."

Wheeler—"You bet it is. What gear did he have, I wonder?"—*Cleveland Leader.*

— A Fellow Felling: Disappointed Suiter (savagely)—"What's that, you little imp? You say you just overheard your sister tell me she would be a sister to me, and that you are glad of it?"

Small Brother (meekly)—"Yeth, thir—mithery loves company, thir."—*Judge*

— The Klondike gold miner held up a nugget which he had just found. It was as big as his fist. "Isn't that a beauty?" he asked. The consensus of opinion was that the nugget was a beauty, indeed. "Yes, indeed," said one of the old hands, after the others had expressed their admiration, "that nugget is easily worth its weight in corned beef."—*Harper's Bazar.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* The negro Bill Day, who killed his sweetheart in Winston Saturday night, was captured near Stoneville yesterday morning. He was brought to Winston on the N. & W. train last night. He claims that he was only playing with the woman and had no intention of killing her.

— Rockingham *Index:* A terrible explosion occurred Monday at Mr. Joe Wilson's gin in Wolf Pit township. The large 60 horse boiler which was being used to run the gin exploded and was blown over a hundred yards from the scene of the explosion. Strange to say no one was seriously hurt. Mr. McRae received several bruises. The fireman, Henry Dergan, received several slight injuries.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* The fine prospects for a large crop of cotton, a month ago, have all been swept away by the terrible drought of the past several weeks, and now it is asserted by the farmers that the crop in this section will be only two-thirds of an average crop. Our farmers are greatly disappointed, not only on account of the short crop, but because, coupled with this short crop, the price of the staple still continues to go down.

— Monroe *Journal:* Mrs. Panthia Fletcher, wife of Mr. R. J. Fletcher and daughter of Mr. E. M. Griffin, died Thursday. She had been in bad health for some time, getting better and then worse. Last Sunday week she attended church and the next day was taken very sick, from which she never got any better. ——The Monro cotton mills were forced to stop Saturday for want of water, such is the effect of the drouth. They started up yesterday to run every other day, the well supplying enough for this. Creek water cannot be used on account of the presence of tanic acid.

— Columbus *News:* Farmers are bringing in their cotton, but money is scarce as ever, and we see no indications whatever that the long promised prosperity has reached this place. —— The water in the river is very low and river steamers have considerable work getting through on their trips. —— Last Friday at Mr. W. C. Dunham's, in the upper part of this county, while a boy who stays with him was examining a small rifle, it was accidentally discharged, the ball striking Mr. Dunham in the foot, and giving him a rather painful wound. Rev. Mr. Smith, who was also present, narrowly escaped being struck in the back.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Mr. Edward R. Quarles, an expert miner, who has been prospecting in McDowell county for a party of New York capitalists, was in the city yesterday showing what is regarded as a valuable find. It is a lump of native silver. Native silver, says Mr. Quarles, is very rare, and he does not know of any having been found outside of Mexico and the Lake Michigan reigon. Silver is generally found in a vulgar form, with antimony, lead or zinc. The lump he found in McDowell county is 1 per cent. gold. Mr. Quarles is very much impressed with the mineral wealth in this section. He says: "Right here under our feet is the greatest mineral country in the world."

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer:* Mrs. Emma Meigs Blair, wife of Dr. M. P. Blair, died at her home at Olive Branch Monday night. The deceased was the oldest daughter of Mr. H. P. Meigs, formerly of this county, but now of Union. —— Mr. H. D. Kendall says that there are ten acres of land around his house, on the road between Wadesboro and Morven, on which he has killed not less than 100 dogs in the last twenty years. —— Center township, in which is located Norwood, has voted a subscription of $10,000 to the proposed railroad from Aberdeen to Concord, via Norwood. —— Harty Sellers, who lives on Captain Frank Bennett's plantation in Morven township, killed a genuine bald eagle a few days ago. There were two of the eagles, though he only succeeded in killing one. The one killed measured 6 feet and 4 inches from tip to tip of its wings. The eagles had killed two shoats, weighing about 60 pounds each, and hard partly devoured them. —— Joe Boggan, the notorious negro, who was convicted of attempted assault on Berta Clemmons, colored, of this place, and sentenced to 15 years, the extreme penalty, in the penitentiary, was take to Raleigh Friday by Deputy Sheriff G. W. Rogers and Mr. J. S. Watkins. This negro has long been a terror throughout this section and the action of Judge McIver in giving him the full limit of the law, is heartily applauded by whites and blacks alike.

Summer Gowns.

The majority of the smart summer gowns of diaphanous material have the skirts trimmed variously with lace edged ruffles, tiny frills overlapping each other from belt to hem, accordion plaited flounces of graduated width, set upon closely gored foundation skirts, Spanish flounces of various depths, vandyke points and fan plaitings set into the gores on the front and sides, panels of various widths alternating with five or seven flat kiltings; skirts with first a fluted frill about five inches wide set at the hem, then five narrow tucks, then a second frill, then the tucks, and so on until three-quarters of the skirt is thus trimmed. The rest is plain, and above this is arranged a rounded apron overskirt with sash ends at the back.

Among the dresses made of two different materials, or those in robe style that contain wide and narrow bands of embroidery and edging, are models showing the revived style of five medium wide kiltings alternating with a box plait or panel of embroidery, braided or formed of fancy material if the kiltings are of plain fabric, or vice versa. Above this arrangement is a little round overskirt, an exact replica of the short apron overskirt of other days. The kilting and panel effects reach round the entire skirt.—New York Post.

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and $1.00 at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

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She chides me for not loving in that old endearing way,
When life was full of promise as the opening buds of may;
When the rose embraced her dimples, and lillies kissed her brow—
So sweet, so fair, I loved her, but I love her better now.

As we stood beside the altar, when the nuptial knot was tied,
The love-chords bound me closer to my bonnie, blushing bride;
My gentle queen, with royal crown of blossoms on her brow—
So sweet, so fair, I loved her, but I love her better now.

As noon exceeds the morning, so a thousand precious charms
Were clustered 'round the mother with the baby in her arms;
A picture, rich in beauty, as she kissed his cheek and brow—
So sweet, so fair, I loved her, but I love her better now.

When death had claimed our darling, in the gloom of sorrow's night,
Her face was like an angel's, with a heavenly halo bright;
With a faith clear as the morning, hope resting on her brow—
So sweet, so fair, I loved her, but I love her better now.

As evening twilight deepens in the rich autumnal glow,
I'm sitting in the shadows thinking o'er the long ago;
But mem'ry's richest blessings rest upon her snowy brow—
So sweet, so fair, I love her, yes, I love her better now

—*Chattanooga Times.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— It does not pay to get sour as you get old.

— Of two evils, choose the least; of two sins, neither.

— Speak well of your friend; of your enemy say nothing.

— Sanctification comes by inches; disappointment by the foot.

— He who says what he likes will hear what he does not like.

— Opinions are mortgages the world holds upon our liberty.

— The man of faith is never in a hurry for God to explain himself.

— A lie is lie whether it is a political lie, a social lie or a business lie.

— Christ never preaches a funeral sermon; he broke up every funeral that he attended.

— Courage among men to acknowledge the goodness of God unto His children is the pressing need of the day.

— Science has a great deal to say about the survival of the fittest, but the Gospel proposes to save the unfit.—*Standard*

— It is not the unbelief of infidels and atheists that most hinders God's work on earth, but the lack of faith on the part of His own children.

— Humility, sincerity, simplicity and trust are feelings becoming to us all. We are children still, the oldest of us—ignorant, weak, dependent. The higher and clearer our thoughts, the deeper will be our feeling of need, and the stronger should be our confidence in the wisdom, goodness and power by which we are held in life.—*Chas G. Ames*

— But it is true, as Emerson has written, that difficult duty is never far off; and it is also true that the most difficult, yet most inescapable, is frequently a door that opens for us into some treasure-house of our own being, some better appreciation of our social opportunities, somer closer access to the patient heart of God —*John Chadwick*

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A Living Kite.

In France a living kite has been seen in which a man formed a part. It was in the course of a series of experiments to determine the effect of wind upon a soaring machine. A gigantic kite had been made, on the face of which a man stood, his feet wide apart and resting upon braces for the purpose, while with his hands he clasped two straps. The kite was 20 feet high and made of cloth. The first attempt to fly it was made on an exposed section of the coast, where the wind blew in over a lake. A large parachute was attached to the frame of the kite, to which the man was supposed to cling in case of a fall. Everything being ready, the kite was braced against the wind, the man took his place, and 50 men ran against the wind with the rope, many more holding the tail. The wind caught the enormous surface, and amid loud cheers from the spectators the man rose ten feet from the surface and there remained, held by the men at the tail. Slowly the latter released the rope, and gradually the kite rose, proving beyond question that a man could ascend in this fashion. It was such a hazardous and uncertain experiment that a very high flight was not attempted.—New York Sun.

Being a Bishop.

An Irishman was toiling, bareheaded, at a windlass under the scorching sun. A Catholic father rode by and said to him:

"Put on your hat, Patrick. You'll bake your brains in this sun."

The worker looked up at him and said, "Do you think I would be doing this for $1.50 a day if I had any brains?"

Two other Irishmen were delving in a ditch. Said Murphy, "Terence, if you had yez choice in this sinful world, what would yez be?"

Terence mopped his brow and considered. "Well, for a nice, clane, well paid, aizy job I'd be a bishop."—Hardware.

Better Than Medicine.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	6¾	@	7
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		@	6¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	10	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks		@	47½
Virginia Meal		@	48½
COTTON TIES, ℔ bundle		@	75
CANDLES— ℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE— ℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	11	@	12½
Dairy, Cream	12	@	13
State		@	10
COFFEE— ℔ ℔			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	8	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	18
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	12 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	2 25
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade	3 75	@	4 00
Choice		@	5 00
Straight		@	5 25
Fancy Patent	5 25	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	58
Car load, in bags—White		@	50
Oats, from store		@	30
Oats, Rust Proof	37½	@	40
Cow Peas	60	@	65
HIDES, ℔ ℔			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER(dry sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	19 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in ℔ hhds		@	26
" " " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	30
" " in bbls		@	32
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in hhds	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 80	@	10 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 50	@	10 00
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	8 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	80
Ashton		@	
American	40	@	
Os, 28 ℔ Sack		@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	3 00	@	4 00
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Ex. C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	12 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	5 50	@	6 00
Inferior to Ordinary	4 00	@	5 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 00
" Sap	6 00	@	6 50
5x26 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
5x30 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	19

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, September 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 28 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 27½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 10 per bbl for Strained and $1 15 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1 80 per barrel for Hard, $1 80 for Yellow Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm. 23½; $1 ¼c; rosin firm, $1 35, 1 40; tar steady, $1 05; crude turpentine firm. $1 30, 1 55, 1 65.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	53
Rosin	272
Tar	73
Crude Turpentine	53

Receipts same day last year—90 casks spirits turpentine, 498 bbls rosin, 68 bbls tar, 136 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market opened easy, closing dull, on a basis of 6¼c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 1-16	cts	℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	5½	"	"
Low Middling	6 1-16	"	"
Middling	6¼	"	"
Good Middling	6¾	"	"

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—4,930 bales, same day last year, 2,910.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 70c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.35; six inch, $2.35 to 3.25; seven inch; $3.50 to 5.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18—Evening.—Money on call to-day was nominal at 1¾@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4¾ per cent. Sterling exchange dull, steady; actual business in bankers' bills at 488¼@485 for demand; 488¼@488¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 488@484 and 495¼@488½. Commercial bills 481¼@489. Silver certificates —. Government bonds steady; new fours, registered, 126½; new fours, coupon, 126½; fours, registered, 111½; fours, coupon, 113½; twos, registered, 98; fives, registered, 114½; fives, coupon, 114¾. State bonds quiet; North Carolina sixes 138, North Carolina fours 103¼. Railroad bonds firm.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 45@1 50 Spirits turpentine firm at 30½@30¾.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 27½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, $1 10; C, D $1 15; E $1 20, F $1 25, G $1 30, H $1 40, I $1 45, K $1 45, M $1 50 N $1 70, W G $1 95; W W $2 20.

SAVANNAH, Sept. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 28¼@28¾; sales 875 casks, receipts 960 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1 507 barrels; receipts 3 890 barrels: A, B, C, D, E $1 15, F $1 20, G $1 25, H $1 35, I $1 40, K $1 45, M $1 50, N $1 85, W G $2 10, W W $2 30.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The news from the Liverpool cotton market, while showing a loss of 1-32 for futures and spot sales of only 6,000 bales, was less unfavorable than expected, in view of the sharp decrease in prices which occurred yesterday in our market. The market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 3 points, with a further advance of 2 to 3 points. Shorts covered quite freely for a time but later the market made a break of 8 to 14 points from the top prices of the morning under quite active liquidation, which caused prices to fall to a point that brought out cotton held on stop orders. The market was finally steady in tone with the net decline reduced to 3 to 8 points, the market having rallied just before the close on covering by the more prudent shorts who were afraid of diminished receipts and favorable cables Monday.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 6¾c.

Cotton futures market closed steady sales 94,900 bales; Jan'y 6 61, Feb'y 6 64, March 6 67, April 6 70, May 6 74, July —, August —, September 6 57, October 6 54, November 6 53, December 6 56.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6¾c; middling gulf 7¼c; sales 280 bales.

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 5,457 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; to France — bales; to the Continent — bales; forwarded 2,194 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 350 bales; stock (actual

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When my hert is wae, an I'm like tae greet,
An a' seems bitter that since was sweet,
An life's road hard tae my weary feet,
I juist sing a wee bit sang.

Nae laverock I for the warld tae hear.
Nae lintie tender, nae mavis clear.
I can juist gie a cheep, but when days are drear,
There's joy in a wee bit sang.

For, singin, my tears forget tae fa',
An the deid an the changed an the far awa'
Come back, an the road's no' hard at a'—
Sic a help is a wee bit sang.

When poortith comes an the cupboard's bare,
Whaur there used tae be a' thing an tae spare,
I tak my crust, an it's dainty fare
When munched tae a wee bit sang.

When the fowks in braws frae the nearby toun,
Scorn my hodden gray an my muckle shoon,
I care nae mair than the man i' the moon.
I juist sing a wee bit sang.

Aye, I sing when I'm happy, I sing when I'm sad.
I may my ain cheer when there's nane tae be had.
Life can never be a'thegither bad
While it leaves me a wee bit sang.
—Torquil MacLeod in Boston Transcript.

A HAIRPIN.

Mr. Robert Perkins entered his private office with a disagreeable frown. He tossed his hat at the nearest hook and dropped himself into his swivel chair. Then he lifted his knee in the air, clasped his hands about it and gnawed at his mustache. Ordinarily Mr. Robert Perkins was a good looking example of manhood. He wasn't at all attractive at the present moment, however. That's what the fair haired girl at the typewriter in the outer office thought. She could see him when she raised her eyes above her copy, and she wondered what disturbed him so.

The fact is, he was a very much disgruntled man. He had cause to be. Somebody was spying upon his movements. Somebody was even prying into his private affairs and stealing information that was of great value to him.

Mr. Robert Perkins was a real estate operator, a man of big deals, whose name, in spite of his two and thirty years, was already a power in the street. Up to within a few weeks he had been singularly successful, but now somebody seemed to be blocking all his important moves. Only the day before he had prepared in a sketchy way the plat of an extensive tract he had meant to secure, and now he had just discovered that the price had been jumped on him to an extent that meant an outlay of $10,000 more than he had counted on. He knew that his breast was the only guardian of this proposed deal—his breast and his desk, for in the latter was locked the precious plat.

Mr. Perkins pulled out his desk key and thrust it into the keyhole. At least he attempted to do so, but something interfered, something which stubbornly resisted the most violent effort. He drew out the key and brought forth his knife. A few minutes of energetic prying and twisting dislodged the obstacle. It was a hairpin.

A twisted hairpin of bronzed wire. Mr. Perkins instinctively turned in his chair and looked toward the fair haired girl at the typewriter. She was bending over her work and did not see him. Mr. Perkins knew that the fair haired girl used hairpins of bronzed wire.

Somebody had tried to pick his desk lock with a hairpin, the same somebody who had been making mischief for him right along. Could it be that innocent looking young woman? She handled his letters; she was to some extent familiar with his private business.

Mr. Perkins opened his desk with a bang. Then he struck sharply on a call bell that stood at his elbow. A boy appeared in the doorway.

"George," said Mr. Perkins, "shut the door."

When the lad's back was turned, he looked at the hairpin again and sighed. Then he thrust it carefully into his vest pocket. When the boy approached him, he was gazing intently at the plat where it lay, apparently undisturbed, in the desk.

George," said Mr. Perkins, "do you remember that I left early yesterday afternoon?"

"Yes, sir," said George. "You went away at 3 o'clock with Mr. Tompkins in a carriage."

"Did you leave the outer office before closing up time?"

"Yes, sir. I went to the postoffice for stamps, and I came back by the way of Lawyer Briggs' office and left that abstract."

"How long were you gone?"

"'Bout half an hour, sir."

"Was Miss Phillips in the office when you left?"

"Who—Miss Alice?"

"Yes, Miss Alice."

It was a pretty name. It was the first time Mr. Perkins had spoken it, and he thought it a very pretty name, and then his fingers closed on the hairpin and his heart hardened.

"She was here when I left and here when I come back, sir."

"Anybody else here?"

"Mr. Burnham was in just before I left. He was talking to Miss Alice, sir."

"Talking to Alice?"

There was something in his snappy tone that carried the intimation that Mr. Perkins didn't like this information.

"Yes, sir, talking confidential like. When I looked around, he stooped down and said something real low, and Miss Alice hung her head."

"That will do, George."

As the boy opened the door Mr. Perkins called him back.

"Step across the hall to Mr. Burnham's office and tell him I want to see him."

Two minutes later Mr. Tom Burnham puffed in. He was a short, stout man, with a double chin and a laughing face.

"Want to see me, Bob?" he cried as he took a chair.

"Yes," replied Mr. Perkins. He paused a moment. "I'm worried and puzzled," he added. "Somebody is robbing me of my ideas."

"Get out!" said Mr. Burnham.

"It's true," said Mr. Perkins. "A half dozen times within the last three weeks I have found myself face to face with evidence that my private papers have been tampered with."

"Seems incredible," said Mr. Burnham.

"Yes, but it's true."

"Suspect anybody?"

"Yes."

Perkins rang the bell.

"George," he said, "tell Miss Phillips that I want her."

"Hold on," said Burnham. "I don't like this. It's all wrong. Just excuse me."

"Sit down," said Mr. Perkins.

The stout man sank back in his chair. Then the door opened, and Alice entered. She cast a nervous glance from Perkins to Burnham. Her cheek paled a little, but her lips were firmly compressed. Perkins watched her narrowly.

"Sit down, Miss Phillips," he said. "I have called you in here to ask you a few questions. Somebody has been tampering with the private papers in my desk, Miss Phillips."

The girl started, but she returned his gaze fearlessly.

"Yesterday afternoon this unknown was at work again. The tampering must have taken place while George was absent from the office. You, I think, were here until he returned?"

"I was here." Her voice was clear and steady.

"Did any one enter the outer office during that time?"

"Several men came to the door and inquired for you. Mr. Burnham is the only one who entered."

"Did you sit where you could see my private door?"

"Not all the time. I moved my typewriter table to the window and put the screen about me."

"May I ask why you did that?"

The girl hesitated, but her gaze did not flinch.

"Because—because of Mr. Burnham's attentions."

"Come, now. I protest"— began the stout man.

"Sit down," said Perkins.

He looked back at the girl. There was a deep flush on her cheeks.

"You mean that Mr. Burnham paid you attentions that you thought were out of place in a public office?"

Mr. Perkins' voice was cold and hard. The girl compressed her lips.

"Yes," she murmured.

"Hang it all, man," sputtered Burnham, "what has my saying a complimentary word or two to a pretty girl got to do with your alleged robbery?"

The girl turned her head and looked at him, and there was something in the look that made the heart in Perkins' bosom leap for joy.

"I have questioned George," he said hurriedly, as if the business had begun to nauseate him, "and he corroborates your statement. He saw Mr. Burnham stoop and murmur something to you—and—and you blushed."

"By George," cried Burnham, "this is deucedly unkind!"

Perkins did not notice him. He was looking at the girl.

"Yes," she slowly said, "I remember. I will tell you what he said."

"It is not necessary," said Perkins.

"Certainly not," cried Burnham.

"Do as you please," said Perkins.

"It was only a simple request," the girl went on. "He said"—

"I protest," cried Burnham.

"Go on," said Perkins.

"He said that he wished to clean an ink well, and he asked me for a hairpin."

Burnham laughed boisterously.

"You see," he chuckled.

Perkins arose and fumbled in his vest pocket.

"Is that your hairpin, Miss Phillips?" he asked. "I found it in the keyhole of my desk this morning."

Burnham arose. His face was livid.

"Just a joke, a practical joke," he muttered thickly and turned and rushed from the room.

"I knew it was that cur the instant you entered the room," said Perkins, but his voice changed as the girl arose.

"Just a mo-moment," he stammered. "I—I want to ask you one more question."

There is a new typewriter in the Perkins outer office, but as Mrs. Alice Phillips-Perkins herself picked her out it is believed that she is a thoroughly competent and trustworthy successor to that esteemed lady.—W. R. Rose in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One of Lincoln's Dispatches.

In his "Campaigning With Grant," in The Century, General Horace Porter tells of General Halleck's fear of trouble from the enforcing of the draft and his desire that Grant should send troops to the northern cities. General Porter says: On the evening of Aug. 17 General Grant was sitting in front of his quarters with several staff officers about him when the telegraph operator came over from his tent and handed him a dispatch. He opened it, and as he proceeded with the reading his face became suffused with smiles. After he had finished it he broke into a hearty laugh. We were curious to know what could produce so much merriment in the general in the midst of the trying circumstances which surrounded him. He cast his eyes over the dispatch again and then remarked: "The president has more nerve than any of his advisers. This is what he says after reading my reply to Halleck's dispatch." He then read aloud to us the following:

"I have seen your dispatch expressing your unwillingness to break your hold where you are. Neither am I willing. Hold on with a bulldog grip and chew and choke as much as possible. "A. LINCOLN."

Edinburgh Has a Woman's Club.

Edinburgh women have at last followed the example of their English and American sisters and now have a club of their own. A place has been rented in the west end of the town, and already the list of original members is complete, among them being many women belonging to country families in the neighborhood. Evidently the Scottish women while shopping in Edinburgh feel the need of some such club as the Town and Country of New York, where they may drop in for lunch or for a little rest.

Old Fashioned Jewelry.

The old style jewelry is coming into fashion again. Women are haunting the old curio shops trying to find beautiful old cameos like those worn by their mothers and grandmothers years ago. The old fashioned setting is rarely changed, the quaintly carved and twisted gold being considered extremely beautiful. The old brooches and rings are especially sought for and bring remarkable prices when found.

The Captor of Atlanta.

General Horace Porter, in his "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century, tells of a mission to Sherman after the capture of Atlanta, on which he was sent by General Grant. General Porter says:

Upon reaching Atlanta I went at once to General Sherman's headquarters. My mind was naturally wrought up to a high pitch of curiosity to see the famous soldier of the west, whom I had never met. He had taken up his quarters in a comfortable brick house belonging to Judge Lyons, opposite the courthouse square. As I approached I saw the captor of Atlanta on the porch, sitting tilted back in a large armchair, reading a newspaper. His coat was unbuttoned, his black felt hat slouched over his brow, and on his feet were a pair of slippers very much down at the heels. He was in the prime of life and in the perfection of physical health. He was just 44 years of age, and almost at the summit of his military fame. With his large frame, tall, gaunt form, restless hazel eyes, aquiline nose, bronzed face and crisp beard, he looked the picture of "grim visaged war." My coming had been announced to him by telegraph, and he was expecting my arrival at this time. I approached him, introduced myself, and handed him General Grant's letter. He tilted forward in his chair, crumpled the newspaper in his left hand while with his right he shook hands cordially, then pushed a chair forward and invited me to sit down. His reception was exceedingly cordial, and his manner exhibited all the personal peculiarities which General Grant, in speaking of him, had so often described.

Antiquity of the Pipe.

Archæologist J. D. McGuire of the National museum announces his discovery of the fact that the ancient Romans smoked. Of course they knew not tobacco, which is a plant native and peculiar to the new world, but they used several other herbs, and of these four have been definitely identified by Mr. McGuire. This news upsets the long accepted theory that the practice of smoking was invented by the American aborigines and was unknown elsewhere in the world until after the landing of Columbus.

Unquestionably smoking had already been practiced by the Indians for centuries when Columbus first reached these shores. It was with them to a great extent a form of religious ceremonial. Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, the famous ethnologist, thinks that it had its beginning in the blowing tube of the medicine man. Ignorant savages are disposed to regard the human breath as possessing magical properties, and it may be supposed that burning leaves were introduced into the tube for the purpose of making the breathing visible. The Indians smoked many kinds of plants, such as sumac, red willow bark and the leaves of the kinnikinick or bear berry, and tobacco doubtless was a discovery resulting from a selection of the fittest.

The earliest Indian pipes were simply tubes, in one end of which the tobacco or dried leaves were put. Mr. McGuire finds that the pipes used by the ancient Romans were made on the same plan, the bowl being an invention reserved for a comparatively recent day.—Washington Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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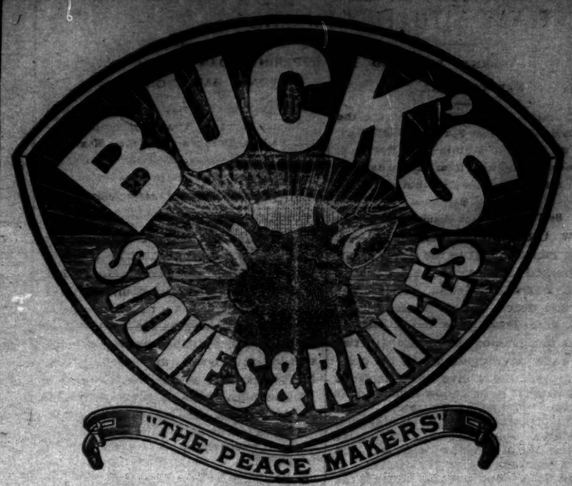

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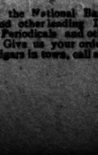

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DAILY 7.15 P M: No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.35 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.34 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.08 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

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SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 19, 1897

TERRORS OF THE TRIP.

A Government Agent's Report on a Journey Across Alaska to the Klondike Gold Fields.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Mr. Gwen N. Weaver, acting commissioner of labor, to day gave to the Associated Press a copy of a most graphic letter on the terrors of the trip across Alaska to the Klondike gold fields. The letter had just been received from Samuel C. Dunham, statistical expert of the Government Department of Labor, who had been assigned by Commissioner Wright to make an investigation of the opportunities which the gold regions in the Yukon Valley and adjoining territory afford for the remunerative employment of American labor and capital. The letter is dated Lake Lindeman, Alaska, August 26, 1897.

Mr. Dunham says it has stormed, rain, snow and sleet, almost continuously since he left the coast. The glacial streams cut the steep trail in innumerable places, washing down lakes of mud to form almost impassable barriers in every basin and hollow. The trail itself over the mountains is in many places at a 45 degree incline and rendered doubly hazardous by glaciers, crevasses and boulder-strewn ledges overhanging yawning chasms and precipices. Frequent stops have to be made for rest, and even a few minutes of inaction in the piercing cold goads the traveller on again to keep from freezing to death. After struggling with a forty-pound pack, Mr. Dunham was forced to pay an Indian $10 to pack it twelve miles, from Dyea to Sheep Camp. Sixteen dollars more was paid to carry the same pack from Sheep Camp to Lake Lindeman. He continues: "At present the condition of affairs on both trails is terrible, and hundreds of men are bound to starve and freeze to death if they continue to come this way. I passed at least a thousand men between Dyea and here, and not more than a hundred have got their outfits this side of the summit. Every fifty yards along the trail are piles of goods and I suppose there are provisions to the value of two hundred thousand dollars scattered along the trail.

"Prices for packing and for all kinds of service are practically prohibitive for most of those who are attempting to cross.

"I never saw so much selfishness anywhere as is displayed on this trail. You pass a hundred people without receiving a response to your respectful 'good morning,' and soon learn to keep your mouth shut.

"If you ask for food, in nine cases out of ten it will be refused.

"I have made arrangements to go down the river with a friend, who had made the trip before. He expects to be ready to start in four or five days, and to make the trip in seven days. I am patiently awaiting the arrival of my outfit, but do not much expect it until the weather improves.

"Every steamship that has brought people up will have all it can do for at least two trips in carrying the unsuccessful people back to civilization, and there ought to be some way to force them to perform the service without compensation.

"SAMUEL J. DUNHAM."

CUBAN SITUATION.

Consul General Lee in Conference with President McKinley—He Will Return to Havana in October.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Gen. Lee, Consul General to Cuba, had a long consultation with the President to-day. It was the first time Gen. Lee had seen Mr. McKinley since the former's return to this country about a fortnight ago. He saw the President by special appointment and all visitors were excluded during the progress of the conference, except Secretary Alger, who came over from the War Department and remained until after Gen. Lee's departure.

The conference was a long one, lasting about two hours. Gen. Lee carefully reviewed the situation in Cuba and explained at length all points upon which either the President or Secretary Alger asked for information. Gen. Lee expressed his own views very freely to the President, but after the interview was very reticent about the nature of the report he had made. He said the President had not given him an outline of his policy. It is evident, however, that the President is deeply impressed with the critical character of the situation in Cuba as described by General Lee, as it is understood that at the conference he strongly urged Consul General Lee to retain his office, at least for the present, and to return to Havana at his earliest convenience. As it has been strongly intimated for several months that ex-Congressman Aldrich would succeed General Lee at Havana and that the latter probably would not return, the President's action to-day is construed to mean that he thinks it inadvisable to make a change at this juncture.

Gen. Lee left here this afternoon for Covington, Va., but before his departure admitted that he would return to Cuba as soon as he had arranged his private affairs, probably about the middle of October. In private conversation with close and personal friends Gen. Lee has expressed himself vigorously as to the situation in Cuba and has been very emphatic in his condemnation of some of General Weyler's methods.

CUBAN FILIBUSTERS.

Steamer Somers N. Smith Reported to Have Landed an Expedition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., Sept. 18.—The steam tug Somers N. Smith was seen off the Southwest channel this morning and put out a boat, which was seen to land seven men. The cutter Winona went in pursuit and captured the boat, but the men had disappeared. The tug went up the West coast. Later, one man and a quantity of baggage were found by customs inspectors. The Smith is reported to have landed an expedition in Cuba and is thought to have been connected with the schooner Canas T. Briggs, which left Philadelphia three weeks ago and which has not since been heard from.

FAST CYCLING.

Michael Won the Twenty-Five-Mile Race in the Fastest Time Ever Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, Sept. 18.—Jimmy Michael to-day won the greatest cycling event ever run on any track. It was the international 25 mile race at Charles River Park, and was won in the fastest cycling time the world ever saw. Michael's competitors were Lucien Lesna, of France, and Eddie McDuffee, of Cambridge. It was a superb day and 14,000 persons witnessed the race. Michael won by one-third of a mile; Lesna, second; McDuffee, third; two-thirds of a mile behind Lesna. Time, 45 59 4-5.

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LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS GOING TO INDIA.

Suggestions of Trouble With the Ameer of Afghanistan—A Widespread Plot Alleged to Have Been Discovered—The Threatened Famine in Ireland.

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LONDON, September 18.—The fact that no less than ten batteries of horse and field artillery have been ordered to embark for India during the months of September and October is much commented upon in military circles. Under ordinary circumstances the four batteries now in India would have been relieved this month. But these batteries have been ordered to remain in India, and, therefore, there will shortly be on the frontier fourteen batteries of artillery, a full complement for an army corps. As the British force now assembled on the frontier is of ample strength to wipe out all visible resistance, the only conclusion that can be reached in relation to the dispatch of reinforcements of artillery is that the authorities are possessed of information of a serious character.

The intimation conveyed by the War Office on Monday last to the London commercial agent of the Ameer of Afghanistan that no war material or machinery for the manufacture thereof will be allowed to cross the frontier during the present crisis, indicates that the British Government has by no means entire confidence in the Ameer's fidelity, and it is hinted that the Government has learned that while professing friendliness to Great Britain the Ameer has been secretly preparing for war. Well informed circles are also discussing the story of secret correspondence between Russia and Afghanistan, which is said to have fallen into the hands of the British officials, and it is further intimated that a widespread plot, embracing the Beluchis and others, has been discovered. The truth, or otherwise, of these stories will develop hereafter; but the fact remains that the large increase in the strength of the British artillery in India cannot be intended for use against the Afridis.

The extent of the distress threatening Ireland seems to depend largely as to through which party's eyes it is viewed. The council of the national federation has decided that the country is on the brink of a widespread calamity, and calls upon Messrs. Dillon and Harrington to convoke a meeting of the Irish members of Parliament for the purpose of requisitioning Mr. Balfour, the government leader of the Commons, to call an autumn session of Parliament, to devise relief measures and to pass a bill reducing rents in Ireland in proportion to the loss incurred by the tenants owing to the wholesale destruction of their crops. On the other hand the Dublin *Express* says the cry of famine is only a continuation of the party war cry which is raised every year the Unionists are in office, and adds: "Judging from the past we may hope that much of the crops doomed to destruction by the prophets of evil will be reached, and that the general yield will be much larger than expected.

The *Daily Independent* regards the suggestion that the Duchess of York will shortly appeal for funds in behalf of the Irish who are threatened with famine, as being an insult, and says: "If the country was ten times as badly off as it is likely to be, it would resent any charitable appeal to the English."

Figures furnished in the report of the inspector of inebriates' retreats show that the effect of legislative intervention to reform drunkards is still experimental and wholly inadequate. The report says: "Immoderate drinking, though frightfully common among industrial classes, is still more prevalent among the upper ten. It is also certain that among women of all classes drunkenness is increasing rapidly."

Lord Roseberry, the former Liberal Premier, is preparing to re enter public life.

The Ligue Ornithophile Francaise is organizing an international congress for the preservation of insectivorous birds. The congress will open its session in Aix on November 9th. It is proposed to demonstrate that international agriculture would be wise to secure the absolute prohibition by law of the destruction of these birds and that severe penalties should be imposed upon those who kill or capture birds alighting in the course of their migrations.

The *Speaker* says it regards the capture of Victoria Delas Tunis by the Cuban insurgents as being a salutary lesson, taking the ground that it gives Spain a shock which it is hoped will check her in her drift towards bankruptcy and to civil war." While not expressing sympathy with the natives, the *Speaker* adds: "The United States can find excellent reasons to intervene whenever she likes."

The *Speaker* advises Spain to recall Captain General Weyler and to arrange terms with the Cubans, through the intervention of the United States, expressing the opinion that otherwise Spain may have greater dangers to face after the U. S. Congress meets.

THE STRIKING MINERS.

A Few Minor Disturbances Suppressed by Military—"Peace and Good Order" at the Mass Meeting.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAZLETON, PA., September 18—With the exception of a few minor disturbances the day passed off quietly in the strike district. In the morning a couple of drunken English speaking miners set on a small band of foreigners with clubs. The attack was seen by a squad of the Thirteenth Regiment, who stopped the disturbance, but they were no sooner out of sight when it was renewed. Signals to this effect reached the camp and a company was sent over. They captured the ringleader and took him back with them.

Between two and three thousand strikers assembled on Donegal Hill to night in mass meeting. P. J. Maguire, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, and Geo. Chance, of the United States League, were the principal speakers. A detachment of soldiers from Brigade headquarters was on the scene, but they kept in the background. The keynote of the speaking was "peace and order." The meeting dispersed in good order.

MEXICAN LYNCHING.

President Diaz Determined to Prosecute the Guilty Parties.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CITY OF MEXICO, September 18.—Orders have been given to investigate the lynching of Arroyo. President Diaz has decided that the inquiry be most rigorous and that the guilty parties be severely punished, as he feels that the act was a reproach to the nation, which has taken pride in the fact that lynch law has been unknown here. Twenty-odd men arrested, are still in custody and formal papers are being drawn up in their cases.

Montgomery, Ala., has quarantined against Atlanta on the grounds that she opens her doors to yellow fever refugees.

THE FEVER SITUATION.

SOME IMPROVEMENT REPORTED AT NEW ORLEANS.

Total Number of Cases Thirty-five and the Death Rate Not Ten Per Cent.—Eleven New Cases at Mobile and Forty-Seven Cases in All at Edwards, Miss.—Atlanta a Distributing Point for Refugees.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, September 18.—A trifling improvement in the fever situation marked the close of the day's work of the Board of Health. There was only one death, as on yesterday, and there were fewer new cases. At six o'clock this evening there were still two cases under investigation. Of the cases investigated to-day, five were declared by the experts to be yellow fever and as usual they were widely scattered.

The fatal case, that of E. H. Harmon, a mulatto, reported in last night's report as one of the new cases, was said to be a genuine type of the disease. It has not been found possible to trace the origin of his case, but it is not improbable that he came in contact with some sojourners at Ocean Springs or Biloxi. Harmon died this afternoon. Since his case was reported the neighborhood has been under the most rigid surveillance.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—Rafael Foustion, of 1426 Cartreuse street, is this afternoon reported suffering with yellow fever. This is the fourth case today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The President received a telegram to day from the Mayor of Brandon, Miss., stating that a number of yellow fever refugees were there in a sorry plight, owing to lack of protection and inability to move away on account of numerous quarantines, closing all avenues to them. He asked for tents to shelter them, but gave no particulars as to the number needed. The President and Secretary Alger will comply with the request if it be found that the law permits.

In a telegram to Surgeon General Wyman, Dr. White reports the detention camp at Fontainebleau will be so far completed as to begin receiving refugees to-morrow. Dr. White states that all the yellow fever cases at Barclay are nearly well.

Dr. Porter reports that there is one case of fever in the Marine Hospital at Mobile, but the patient has been thoroughly isolated.

NEW ORLEANS, September 18.—As a general rule, the patients who are suffering with yellow fever are reported to-night to be improving, with the exception of Dr. Lowell. There have thus far been a total of 35 cases here and the death rate has not yet reached ten per cent., thus showing the mildness of the type of fever now prevailing.

Marion Dowden, a member of the Ouachita Guards who are guarding the city, was accidentally shot at Monroe about 6.30 by Henry McCormack, a fellow member, and it is not thought that he can possibly recover.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—A message from Dr. Glennan to Surgeon General Wyman, received to-night, reports eleven new cases of yellow fever at Mobile, making a total to date of eighteen, with two deaths. Gov. Johnson has authorized the use of Mount Vernon barracks.

Surgeon Saiwelle, in a message from Atlanta received to-night, informs the Surgeon General that Atlanta has practically become a distributing point for refugees from the infected districts. He thinks the climatic conditions are such there that the fever cannot gain a foothold, but says all necessary precautions will be taken.

About 350 refugees travelling North have been furnished with health certificates, leaving about 500 still in the city.

MOBILE, ALA., Sept. 18.—Frank Donaldson, one of the day's new cases, died to-night.

C. L. SWAYZE, the Associated Press operator at the *Register* office, was taken sick at 6.30 o'clock to-night. His condition is reported as normal. It is thought he has been overworked and excited himself about the yellow fever.

VICKSBURG, MISS., Sept. 18.—The total number of cases at Edwards and vicinity of true yellow fever is forty-seven. The latest reports to-night makes the total new cases of the day ten.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Danish Consul's Residence at Matanzas Raided—Protest Made and Apology Demanded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, via Key West, Sept. 18.—The residence of Fernando Heidrich, the Danish consul at Matanzas, who is visiting in the United States, was recently raided by the police and a revolver and a number of documents which were found in his desk, were seized. The Danish Consul General at Havana, upon learning of the raid, protested to Captain General Weyler and demanded an apology. The German Consul at Matanzas, Louis Gerisen, also demanded an apology within twenty-four hours from the civil Governor of the province, claiming that Heidrich was a German subject. The Governor denied that he had ordered the raid, and attributed it to the war department. The German consul then notified the military judge, Leon Martin, to return the revolver and to apologize, but the latter replied that he would consult with Captain General Weyler before he took any action in the matter. The Captain General has not been heard from as yet.

The new tariff which goes into effect on Monday next will favor a number of American products and will consequently increase trade with the United States.

WARM WIRELETS

On account of the yellow fever epidemic the President has issued an order temporarily closing the land office at Jackson, Miss.

Star Pointer made a world's race record at Indianapolis yesterday. Pointer won the third heat in the race with Joe Patchen. Time 2:01.

Gen. Thomas L. Clingman, who before the war represented North Carolina in the United States Senate, was yesterday carried to the hospital at Morganton. His mind has been affected for some time, but his health and appetite are good.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease $6,778,650, loans, increase $2,669,900; specie, decrease $849,500 legal tenders, decrease $7,976 000; deposits, decrease $6,191,400, circulation, increase $6,121,200. The banks now hold $19,898,275 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

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THE STATE FARMS.

SUPERINTENDENT SMITH SAYS COTTON IS BADLY CUT OFF.

Every Available Convict Picking Cotton—Contest for the District Attorneyship—Railway Commission to Meet Next Tuesday—Gov. Russell said to Be a Good Republican.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 18.

Superintendent John R. Smith of the penitentiary, says the cotton crop on the State farms is badly cut off. He has just returned from a visit to them; he thinks that he will be able to run the prison now without calling on the State Treasurer. Every available convict is being sent to the eastern farms to pick cotton. Next week forty will be sent from here. This includes the number now at work on the walks in the Capitol Square.

Only a few drops of rain fell here last night. The weather observer is missing it badly this week on predictions.

Charles A Cook returned to the city to-day from Madison county, whither he went to see Pritchard to urge his claims for the district attorneyship. It is now said that Cook stands some show of getting the appointment, though up to this time the plum has been conceded to Claude M. Bernard, the solicitor from the First district. The fact that Bernard and E. C. Duncan, who is assured of the collector's position, are both from the First district, is working against Bernard.

Seymour W. Hancock, of Newbern, wants to be assistant district attorney and is being strongly pushed for the place.

Robert Hancock, the President of the A. & N. C. road, is here to see the Governor. Mr. Hancock declares that everything is harmony in the G O P. He says Russell is a good Republican and is advocating Republican doctrine. This is the first time in many months that Russell has been called a Republican.

The Railway Commission meets here Tuesday—provided the members are not suspended in the meantime—to fix a cotton rate in the State and pass upon minor matters.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Wrangle Between the Prosecution and Defence—The Defendant Will Testify In His Own Behalf.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—A wrangle between the prosecution and the defence, over the admissability of evidence tending to show a motive for the murder of Mrs. Luetgert, prevented the State from closing its case as it had expected today. Judge Tuthill took the matter under advisement, and the case went over until Tuesday next.

When asked for his opinion of the case made out against him, Luetgert grew angry for a moment, and exclaimed:

"You ought to know my opinion without asking it. There is nothing in it. Take away the quarrel of the experts over the bones and what have you left? Nothing.

"I am not going to talk about my case at this time, though. I have some trump cards and I will play them in court when the time comes. I will testify. I have made my mind to that. I will tell that jury something that will open the eyes of every member of the panel. The people will know my side of this story next week and then, maybe, I will not be regarded the villain I have been pictured."

SECRETARY ALGER'S PLAN.

A Novel Scheme to Get Supplies Into the Yukon Region This Winter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Secretary Alger, who has been anxiously planning to get supplies into the Yukon region this Winter to relieve the almost certain starvation now staring the hordes of treasure seekers in the face, has hit upon the novel plan of trying a locomotive sledge to run on the river after the hard freeze sets in. This engine was designed for the Northern logging camps and Secretary Alger has tried it with some success in his own big logging camps in Michigan.

It is said to travel about twelve miles an hour and is capable of drawing an enormous load. The chief problem is that of fuel and the Secretary has invited Joseph Ladue, the founder of Dawson, to a conference on the practical value of the plan.

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Piano and Harmony—October 1st, I will open a class for Piano Instruction and Harmony. Address, A. H. Yopp, 415 Grace street. Reference, New England Conservatory. sep 19 6t

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HOMICIDE AT COLUMBIA

A Police Officer's Throat Cut from Ear to Ear.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C, September 18.—Robert Hook, a white man, cut the throat from ear to ear of Policeman John Goss, of Brooklyn, a suburb of Columbia to night, while the officer was attempting to arrest his brother. Hook mounted a horse and escaped. The policeman died instantly.

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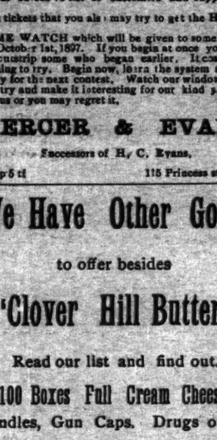

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